already been explained in the note, to see how the working of the Comptroller's office has been going on for the last 25 years. Previous enquiry of such a nature took place about 25 years ago during the time of Sir Bannerjee. There has been no attempt since then to enquire into the condition of affairs in the Comptroller's office, namely, to see whether the rules of procedure laid down are followed, whether they are adapted to the modern requirements and whether they are violated and so on. This amount was not provided for when the budget was framed as it could not be anticipated at that time. The amounts that have been asked for are only the bare requirements. I request that the House will be pleased to allow the grant.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Adur)*.—Has he finished his work?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar *(Comptroller of Accounts)*.—The period of appointment is for 4 months. He has worked only for two months.

Demands were put and carried.

9. Rs. 990 under '17—Law and Justice—B 2—District Courts.'

Mr. Thomas Manjuran *(Government Advocate and Law Officer)*.—Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 990 under "17—Law and Justice—B (2) District Courts — Refunds". As the note says this amount was found necessary because of the revision of the rules relating to the payment of remuneration to the Official Receivers. The existing rules conferred serious hardships to the Official Receivers. The rules were revised and as a result of that Rs. 1002—10—6 have to be paid to Mr. Pai, late Official Receiver. This was not anticipated at the time of the budget.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam)*.—On a point of order. I don't think that this subject has been brought to the notice of the Standing Finance Committee and scrutinised by them. May I know why it was not placed before the Committee?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar *(Secretary to Government)*.—The requisition was not received in time from the Head of the Department concerned. Mr. Pai, while he was an official Receiver, had not drawn any remuneration for his whole term, because he was fighting for an interpretation of the rules. There was a deputation of all the official Receivers before the

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Diwan. An obscurity alleged to exist in the old rules has now been removed and the rules brought in conformity with those obtaining in Travancore. Some of the Receivers who had received amounts in excess had to refund. Mr. Pai did not receive any remuneration.

Mr. President.—In spite of all the vigilance of the Secretariat, it so happens that sometimes the requests for supplementary demands are not received in the Secretariat in time to enable the Secretariat to place them before the Standing Finance Committee for their scrutiny. Government are trying their best to see that every Department sends it in time but in spite of all the check it happened in one or two cases. In such cases what the Government have done is instead of sanctioning it straightway, they have sought the sanction of the Council and placed it before the Council. No doubt it had not the benefit of the scrutiny of the Committee. It is a very rare exception and not a general rule.

Demand was put and carried.

10. Rs. 9,766 under '20—Education—3. Secondary boys—Grant-in-aid'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Mr. President, Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 9766 under "20 Education—Secondary Boys—Grant-in-aid". The necessity for the additional allotment has been explained in the notes for the Standing Finance Committee. Our anticipations of expenditure under this head were not accurate. They are sometimes upset by the actual number and in a service like education it is not possible to be more accurate. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to sanction the additional allotment.

Demand was put and carried.

11. Rs. 1,550 under '20 Education—4. Secondary girls—Stipends and Scholarships'.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1550 under "20 Education—Secondary girls—Stipends and Scholarships". This again is the result of an increase in the strength and requires no further explanation at my hands. I therefore request that the House may be pleased to sanction this amount also.

Demand was put and carried.

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